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PRIVATE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private basic operators are not meeting their share to achieve the village Public telephone targets;

(b) if so, whether the Government have directed the private basic operators to chalk out a time bound action plan to increase the teledensity in the rural areas and provide effective services;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the private basic operators on the direction of the Union Government;

(d) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out by the private basic operators; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Letters have been issued to private licensees of telephone service for achieving the targets committed for first 3 years of licence by the date of completion of such 3 years period from the effective date of their licence agreement.

(c) So far Licensees have not given any definite indication (time-frame) for achievement of their committed targets.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.